

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP  
June 7, 2017

Introductions: In Person and Phone

**Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates**

- I. Waiver Registry Screen (Ernest Le)
  - A. 11,000 letters have gone out to people on the waiver registry to let them know that the Schaefer Center would be contacting them.
  - B. The waiver registry currently stands at 23,729
  - C. Between the Schaefer Center and MAP, 9,323 have been screened
  - D. The Schaefer Center sent a report of their call results in March, and DHMH has sending letters to all the individuals whom the Schaefer Center was not able to contact. After two weeks, these individuals are deactivated from the registry if they do not respond to the letter.
  - E. 1,093 individuals still remain to be contacted for follow-up after the Schaefer Center attempted to contact them.
  - F. Registry wave letters have now gone out for individuals, who joined the registry on September, 2009.
  - G. 90% of people who receive wave letters will reply if the Schaefer Center or the MAP was able to contact them for the Level One Screen. Even if they could not be contacted for the screening, DHMH still sends a wave letter if an alternative address can be found somewhere for the individual. 60% of those letters receive a response.
- II. BIP Updates (Rebecca Oliver)
  - A. BIP will end on September 30, 2017. All BIP funds have to be spent by the end of the program
  - B. FY18- BIP is continuing to fund and support the following initiatives:
    - 1. Waiver Registry project
    - 2. Hospital to Home Initiative (H2H) – Dina Gordon will provide an update to this initiative via MAP Updates (see attached presentation)
      - i. Keep in mind that Anne Arundel County has a similar initiative which has existed since before the H2H grant
      - ii. H2H was funded through BIP in its pilot year. It will be funded by MFP in the next fiscal year.
    - 3. MAP updates- Eram Abbasi (see attached presentation)
      - i. Updated quarterly report according to requirements from Federal government. Now have a year of data. See presentation for numbers of people served.
      - ii. Looking at the data, MDOA has been able to educate staff on resources available and referrals to make to agencies.

- iii. MAP website has been updated by a group of agency representatives and stakeholders. The “Explore” tab has been completely rewritten.
- iv. Since 2010, MAP website has grown from 10,000 listings (many out of date) to 17,000 updated listings.

**Question:** What additional feedback are you looking for?

**Answer:** What other ways can we do outreach or do marketing? If you are an agency or organization who would like to partner with us (MDOA) to serve your population, we (MDOA) would be very interested.

**Question:** Why are so many people getting the Level One Screen but are not going on to get CFC?

**Answer:** Most people seeking the Level One Screen are trying to get on the Waiver Registry and are not necessarily seeking CFC. Also, a lot of individuals receiving the Level One Screen make too much money to receive Medicaid, which means they do not qualify for CFC.

- 4. Brain Injury technical assistance
- 5. Person Centered Planning Training
- 6. LTSS system development
- 7. DLA 20 training and implementation
- 8. and InterRai training

### **Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates**

#### **I. MFP Updates (Jennifer Miles)**

##### **A. Staffing:**

- 1. Medical Care Program Specialist II (Housing Specialist)
  - a. The request to recruit was submitted to HR on Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- 2. Medical Care Program Supervisor (Housing and Compliance Director)
  - a. The request to recruit was submitted to HR on April 26, 2017
  - b. The position posted on May 5, 2017
  - c. Waiting for the list from HR of the Best Qualified Candidates
- 3. Community Placement Specialist(s)
  - a. Individuals have been interviewed and selected for the Pin and Contractual positions
- 4. Health Policy Analyst I (Behavioral Health Specialist)
  - a. The request to recruit will be submitted to HR today, Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Amy Logsdon and Maxine Arena no longer work for the MFP program; both have accepted positions within other departments of DHMH.

##### **B. Maryland Medicaid Advisory Council (MMAC presentation is an attachment)**

- 1. MFP, along with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Maryland Department of Disabilities

(MDOD) had the opportunity to provide the Maryland Medicaid Advisory with a presentation regarding the Housing Initiatives we are currently working on here in the State of Maryland

2. The presentation was well received and we have been asked to possibly come back to provide costs savings (transitions to the community vs. institutional settings)

## II. Housing Updates (Jennifer Miles)

- a. Rebecca Raggio is providing overviews of the affordable housing programs (Section 811 PRA, MFP Bridge Subsidy, and Weinberg Apartments) to supports planning agencies and coordinators for community services and Housing 101 presentations. Contact Rebecca at [rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov](mailto:rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov) or call 410-767-4948 to schedule training.
  - b. Rebecca will provide technical assistance to supports planners who are assisting individual's referred to the MFP Bridge Subsidy program and Section 811 PRA. Bridge Subsidy Overviews were provided to supports planners at MMARS on 12/21/17 and Beatrice Loving Heart on 1/11/17.
- A. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)
- a. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from DHMH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
  - b. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to have property-specific monthly calls for case managers assisting Section 811 applicants and tenants. The subcommittee meets quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates and is open to representatives from cross-disability case management agencies. Next meeting: TBD
- B. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration
- i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and 61.
    1. Effective December 12, 2016 "Community Options waiver participants currently residing in an OHCQ licensed assisted living facility moving to independent renting," were added to the priority 3 definition.
    2. Identified projects:
      - a. Harford County- Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- Leased
      - b. Anne Arundel County- Berger Square- 8 units – Leased
      - c. Baltimore City- Warwick Apartments- 12 units
      - d. Baltimore County-
        - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
        - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units
        - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units
      - e. Frederick City

- i. **Sinclair Way- 11 units- Under construction, Referring Now!**
  - ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units- under construction
- f. Montgomery County - Woodfield Commons- 13 units
- g. Prince George's County
  - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- Leased
  - ii. **Brinkley Hill- 5 units - Under construction, Referring Now!**
- h. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units
- i. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units

C. Weinberg Apartments

- i. Brinkley Hill in Prince George's County is currently under construction and will have 3 2-bedroom Weinberg units. **Referring Now!**

D. MFP Bridge Subsidy

1. The MFP Bridge Subsidy registry is open and referrals are underway.
2. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$15,000. Effective March 1, 2017 the maximum annual income limit will increase to \$19,000. The reason for the change is to increase referrals to rural counties.
3. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units.
4. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
5. The MFP Bridge Subsidy is gradually rolling out to participating jurisdictions:
  - a. The program is open in Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments), Howard County (5 commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments)
  - b. **Subsidies are still available for following jurisdictions, referrals are needed: Carroll, DHCD (Western MD and Eastern Shore), Easton, Hagerstown, Harford, and St. Mary's County.**
  - c. Referrals TBA for Montgomery (10 project-based units).

III. BHA Behavioral Health PASRR Specialist Initiative (Stefani O'Dea)

- A. Funds are being used to create a new statewide Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR project, starting July 1, 2017
- B. Regional specialists will be hired at the local level through Core Service agencies
  - 1. These positions will report quarterly to the BHA and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Project
  - 2. The regional specialists will be a resource to Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Health Departments, and local agencies and providers
  - 3. They will assist the entities who are currently involved with nursing facility transition initiatives to coordinate behavioral health services for individuals transitioning to the community
  - 4. They will also offer expertise and resources to entities involved with the PASRR (Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review) process to divert and/or reduce nursing facility stays
- C. The following Core Service Agencies will receive funding to hire a regional position:

| Region            | Core Service Agency                       |
|-------------------|---|
| Eastern           | Mid- Shore Behavioral Health Inc.         |
| Western           | Washington County Mental Health Authority |
| Central           | Howard County Mental Health Authority     |
| Southern          | Howard County Mental Health Authority*    |
| Baltimore city    | Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore       |
| Montgomery County | Montgomery County                         |

- D. Question: Can these specialists follow people going into institutions doing outreach to provide help get people connected to resources? Answer: Yes. We are taking suggestions.
- E. BHA Contact:  
Stefani O'Dea Director, Office of Older Adults and Long Term Services and Supports  
410-402-8476; [Stefani.odea@maryland.gov](mailto:Stefani.odea@maryland.gov)

IV. Transitions (Jennifer Miles)

- A. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 2781 individuals (as of June 5, 2017).
- B. Benchmark for CY 2017 (January- December) is 341 transitions. In order to reach the 85% threshold, we have to transition 290 individuals.
- C. Provided spreadsheet of 2016 vs. 2017 ( as of June 5, 2017) (attachment)

## General Department Updates

- I. New Supports Planner Training (June 12<sup>th</sup> –June 16<sup>th</sup>) (Jennifer Miles)
- A. The registration links for the New Supports Planner Training that will be held June 12th through June 16th are below-- please make sure that you choose the correct option (in person or webinar) when registering. **The last day to register is today, Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> by 6 pm.** The save the date flyer previously sent is attached to this email for reference.
1. **Day 1 (Introduction to Medicaid & LTSS, Eligibility, and interRai Home Care)**  
  
**In Person:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-1-tickets-34510684386>  
**Webinar:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-1-webinar-tickets-34511991295>
  2. **Day 2 (Application Process, Money Follows the Person, Housing 101, and Being a Supports Planner)**  
  
**In Person:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-2-tickets-34510712470>  
  
**Webinar:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-2-webinar-tickets-34550563666>
  3. **Day 3 (Developing a Plan of Service-Personal Assistance & Budgets and Service Definitions)**  
  
**In Person:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-3-tickets-34510866932>  
  
**Webinar:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-3-webinar-tickets-34550581720>
  4. **Day 4 (Other Program Services Finding a Provider, Submitting a Plan of Services, Authorization to Participate, and Appeals)**  
  
**In Person:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-4-tickets-34510904043>  
  
**Webinar:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-4-webinar-tickets-34550751227>

5. **Day 5 (Billing for Your Time, Ongoing Supports Planning Role, ISAS, Reportable Events, Review/Case Study)**

**In Person:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-5-tickets-34510942157>

**Webinar:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-supports-planner-training-day-5-webinar-tickets-34550704086>

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 2, 2017** from 12-2 in room L-3.*